

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 590

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Captain Charles Edward Stewart, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of duty; and

WHEREAS, Captain Charles Edward Stewart, Jr., is one such individual, who has proudly served this nation through his service in the United States Navy for more than forty years with the highest levels of courage and dedication; throughout his career, he has exemplified the finest qualities of leadership, honor, and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville on December 30, 1947, Captain Stewart graduated from both Antioch High School and the John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science; and

WHEREAS, Charles Stewart began his naval career on August 18, 1967, as a Hospitalman Recruit, entering the U.S. Navy under the delayed entry program. He attended boot camp and Basic Hospital Corps School in San Diego, California; completed Neuropsychiatry Technician School in Oakland, California; and completed Field Medical Service School in Camp Pendleton, California, attaining the rank of Hospital Corpsman Second Class during his training; and

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Stewart displayed remarkable levels of courage and valor while serving in Vietnam, standing as a Senior Corpsman in the Second Battalion, First Marines, Hotel Company. After slogging through the bush as a grunt corpsman, Charles Stewart completed his active duty obligation in 1971, after which he was encouraged to join Nashville's Naval Reserve Unit; and

WHEREAS, upon his return from the Vietnam War, Captain Stewart attended the University of Tennessee at Nashville, attaining a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN);

while in attendance, he rendered sterling service as the class president and designed the Tennessee State University Nursing program's BSN pin; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1981, Charles Stewart accepted a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve and returned to the Navy Nurse Corps as a Lieutenant on August 9, 1984; and

WHEREAS, he served as a staff nurse and Health Promotion Director for REDCOM Southeast, in which role he initiated, implemented, and promoted a comprehensive health promotion program for more than thirty-one Navy and Marine Corps reserve centers; and

WHEREAS, Captain Stewart gained assignment to the Volunteer Training Unit and now serves as the senior officer of the Nashville Navy Funeral Honors and Color Guard Unit, holding collateral duties for the Vanderbilt Reserve Officer Training Corps program, the Health Promotion Program for Medical/Dental Readiness of Marines and Sailors, the Young Marine and Sea Cadet programs, and the Navy Recruiting District; and

WHEREAS, possessed of no small amount of leadership skills, Captain Stewart stood for more than thirteen years as the Chairman for the Recruiting District Assistance Council, providing dedicated support in the fulfillment of the Navy's mission to recruit young Tennesseans to serve the United States; and

WHEREAS, through his diligence, dedication, and hard work, Captain Charles Stewart has increased public awareness of the opportunities available in today's Navy and serves as an exemplary example for all young men and women who wish to maximize their abilities and talents and achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, this mustang Captain, through his selfless dedication in the support of freedom and the greatest country in the world, moved up through the ranks to become a "Sailor's Captain"; and

WHEREAS, Captain Stewart exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Charles E. Stewart has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Captain Charles Edward Stewart, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors and offer our deepest gratitude in recognition of his forty years of military service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor and commend Captain Stewart for his impeccable character, unlimited courage, and stalwart commitment to the United States of America, the State of Tennessee, and each and every one of his fellow countrymen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.